

Fact Sheet 7: North Recycling & Disposal Station



Property Additions to the North Recycling and Disposal Station (NRDS)

What action has the City taken?

The City has acquired about 1 ½ acres immediately to the east of the North Recycling and Disposal Station (NRDS). This includes the old Oroweat bread factory and parking lot to the north.



What will the property addition be used for?

The additional space will be used for recycling, reuse, the station office, employee facilities, meeting room, and employee and visitor parking. No waste disposal activities will take place on the property.

What will be built on the property?

Seattle Public Utilities plans to keep the existing building and remodel it. The existing office and employee facilities will be moved to the front of the building along N. 34th St. This change will make the office more accessible to the public and will allow better communication between local residents and station staff. The northern warehouse portion of the building will be used for recycling and reuse. The parking lot to the north of the building will continue to be used for parking.

What will happen to the road (Carr Place North) between the existing station and the adjacent property?

Seattle Public Utilities plans to use the road for station access. The road will provide separate access to the recycling area; therefore, it will no longer be necessary to wait in the same line as disposal if you want to drop off recyclables or reuse items. This change will help reduce the wait time for customers.

What will happen to the existing transfer station building?

The existing transfer station building will be demolished and rebuilt. The new building will be capable of controlling air emissions and noise much better than the existing facility and will allow vehicles to pass through more quickly, resulting in less wait time and better service. The rebuild is scheduled to occur in 2010 & 2011.

How was it determined that additional property is needed?

The City's 1998 *Solid Waste Management Plan* identified a need for more space at the station for recycling. That plan included public input review and an environmental impact statement was also prepared. Additional analysis and public review was performed in 2002 and 2003 during preparation of the *Solid Waste Facilities Master Plan*. That plan recommended the addition of about 1 ½ acres to NRDS.

What else is happening at NRDS?

The ReUse pilot program is currently underway at NRDS. Reusable items are collected by local non-profit organizations and then made available to customers in the community.

A landscape design process is underway and we hope to enhance the community with a new landscaping scheme.

For more information

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